THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AF FAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since the issuing of the above statement, the President, Jumma Refugees Welfare Association and other refugee representatives held a meeting with the Bangladesh authorities On June 30, 1994 to review the implementation the 16 points rehabilitation package and to resolve oiher related issues. Thereafter, they conveyed their concurrence for the resumption of repatriation which commenced on July 21, 1994.

(c) Does not arise.

Protection of Women working In foreign countries

2080. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item pub lished in the 'Hindu' dated 4th July, 1994 Inder the caption 'Abuse of maids spreads in Gulf;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to protect the Indian women employed in foreign countries; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government of India through Indian Missions abroad main tains regular contact with foreign Gov ernments to ensure the welfare and to improve conditions of Indian workers in the respective countries. Our Mission in Bahrain has already taken up the matter with the local Government which has assured its full cooperation; as a re sult of which five maids have already been repatriated to India while the other's cases are being examined by the local authorities in Bahrain.

सिन्धु नदी से जल की आपूर्ति पर भारत-पाक वार्ता

2081. श्री राघवजी : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत ने इस मांग को किसी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय मंच या पाकिस्तान के साथ राजनयिक स्तर की वार्ताओं के दौरान उठाया है कि गुजरात के सूखाग्रस्त क्षेत्र कच्छ को सिन्धु नदी से जल उपलब्ध कराया जाए ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या परिणाम निकले ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर०एल० भाटिया) : (क) से (ग) 1960 में भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच सम्पन्न सिंधु जल संधि के अनुसार भारत द्वारा सिंधु जल का उपयोग जम्मू-कश्मीर राज्य में सिंधु नदी थाले में कतिपय विशिष्ट उपयोगों तक सीमित है ।

Illegal occupation of Indian land L'y Pakistan and China

2082. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total Indian land under illegal occupation of Pakistan and China;

(b) whether the efforts are being made by Government to get back the Indian territories; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) Parts of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir are under the illegal occupation of Pakistan and China. The area of the State of Jammu and Kashmir under the occupation of Pakistan since